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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop an Electricity Integrated Resource Planning Framework and to Coordinate and Refine Long-Term Procurement Planning Requirements.

Rulemaking 16-02-007
(Filed February 11, 2016)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING MODIFYING SCHEDULE

This ruling modifies the schedule in this proceeding.

Background

On May 26, 2016, the *Joint Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge* (Scoping Memo) set the scope and a preliminary schedule for this proceeding. By joint ruling on December 21, 2016, the assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) amended the proceeding schedule.

A May 16, 2017 ALJ ruling issued a staff proposal for comment titled *Proposal for Implementing Integrated Resource Planning at the CPUC: An Energy Division Staff Proposal*.

On May 31, 2017 Marin Clean Energy (MCE) sent an email request asking for a four-week extension of time for filing comments and reply comments on the May 16, 2017 Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Staff Proposal. This request was supported or not opposed by the majority of parties in this proceeding.

By informal email to the service list on June 1, 2017, I signaled the intent to postpone the comment due date on the IRP Staff Proposal to June 28, 2017 and the reply comment due date to July 12, 2017.

In the June 1, 2017 e-mail, I also included clarifications on the topic of alternative load serving entity (LSE) plans, since questions and confusion came up during one of the staff-hosted webinars on the IRP Staff Proposal conducted on May 24, 2017.

1. Staff Clarifications on Proposal for Alternative LSE Plans

Commission staff offer additional language clarifying the proposed filing requirements included in the May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal in Chapter 5 on pages 61-62, beginning with the heading “Type 1 Alternative LSE Plan” and ending with the first sentence under the heading “Standard Review for LSE Plans.” Staff offers the following clarifications on this part of the IRP Staff Proposal.

Type 1 Alternative LSE Plan

The intention of the language under the heading “Type 1 Alternative LSE Plan” was to describe a set of documents that could be submitted to the Commission by small LSEs in lieu of a Standard LSE Plan. The documents submitted by LSEs that are assigned a load of less than 700 gigawatt hours in California over the first five years of the planning horizon would together constitute the Type 1 Alternative LSE Plan.

The following language better reflects Commission staff’s intention for that section of the proposal:

1. Eligible LSEs: Small investor-owned utilities, electric service providers, community choice aggregators, and electric cooperatives assigned a load of less than 700 gigawatt hours in California in the first five years of the planning horizon by the Commission.
2. Requirements:
 - All LSEs filing Alternative Plans would be required to provide all of the following:

- California Energy Commission (CEC) Form S1;
- CEC Form S2 or Energy Information Administration (EIA) Form 861 or EIA Form 861S;
- CEC Power Content Report; and
- Demonstration of how disadvantaged communities are being considered
- Electric Cooperatives that meet at least 50 percent of their energy needs with an “all requirements” contract would be required to provide all of the following:
 - Annual capacity and energy provided via any “all requirements” contracts; and
 - A copy of any “all requirements” contracts.

Standard Review for LSE Plans

For review of Alternative Plans, staff proposes to verify that the submitted LSE Plan includes all of the documents and content listed above under “Requirements” as part of the “Type 1 Alternative LSE Plan.”

The clarifications above relate to Question 25 in the May 16, 2017 ALJ Ruling. Parties should include any discussion of these clarifications in their comments and/or reply comments on the May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal.

2. Schedule

As requested by MCE, the schedule for comments and reply comments on the May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal ruling is modified, with a two-week extension instead of the four weeks requested. Comments shall be filed and served by no later than June 28, 2017, and reply comments shall be filed and served no later than July 12, 2017.

In addition, I include below for planning purposes additional anticipated dates leading up to a year-end proposed decision expected to direct IRP filings from LSEs in 2018.

The next anticipated event in the proceeding is the release of draft modeling results from the RESOLVE model approaches suggested in the May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal. Those results are expected to be released on July 19, 2017, with a workshop planned for July 27, 2017. The workshop will be held at the Commission's auditorium, noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar, and staff will e-mail further details to the service list.

Parties should note that the preliminary modeling results to be released in July will be based on the scenarios as proposed to be run by staff in the May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal. Because of the compressed timeframe, the July preliminary modeling results will not be able to be adjusted based on parties' June 28, 2017 comments or July 12, 2017 reply comments. However, the preliminary modeling results released in July will be revised thereafter; staff and consultants will make modifications to the analysis in response to comments received both in written comments and in workshop discussions. Parties will then have a formal opportunity to respond to the revised results that are anticipated to be released in September 2017, along with the complete proposed Reference System Plan, as described in the May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal.

In addition to the revised modeling results, the proposed Reference System Plan is expected to contain recommendations for a greenhouse gas planning target for the electricity sector and the Commission's portion of the electricity sector, a recommended portfolio to use for planning purposes, and an action plan for achieving the greenhouse gas planning target. The Reference System Plan also is expected to include specific filing requirements for individual LSEs, as well as any policy implications for individual resource types.

Following the release of the proposed Reference System Plan, expected September 12, 2017, a two-day workshop will be hosted at the Commission

during the week of September 25, 2017. More detailed information about this workshop will be forthcoming. Formal comments and reply comments will be invited on the proposed Reference System Plan, and an all-party meeting, with all Commissioners invited, will be planned for November 2, 2017. A proposed decision for full Commission consideration will be issued before the end of 2017.

These activities and dates are also reflected in the schedule table below.

Item/Event	Date
Comments filed and served on May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal ruling	June 28, 2017
Reply comments filed and served on May 16, 2017 IRP Staff Proposal ruling	July 12, 2017
Informal release of preliminary RESOLVE modeling results based on scenarios proposed in the May 16, 2017 Staff Proposal	July 19, 2017
Workshop on preliminary RESOLVE modeling results	July 27, 2017
Ruling issuing Proposed Reference System Plan, along with revised RESOLVE modeling results, for formal comments	September 12, 2017
Two-day workshop to discuss Proposed Reference System Plan	Week of September 25, 2017
Comments filed and served on Proposed Reference System Plan	October 26, 2017
All-party meeting with Commissioners	November 2, 2017
Reply comments filed and served on Proposed Reference System Plan	November 9, 2017
Proposed Decision issued adopting IRP filing guidance and Reference System Plan	End of 2017
IRP filings by individual LSEs	Second Quarter 2018

IT IS RULED that:

1. Parties wishing to comment on the May 16, 2017 Staff Proposal ruling portions related to Alternative Load Serving Entity Plans, especially

Question 25, should take into account the modifications suggested in Section 2 of this ruling when preparing their comments.

2. Comments on the May 16, 2017 Staff Proposal shall be filed and served no later than June 28, 2017.

3. Reply comments on the May 16, 2017 Staff Proposal shall be filed and served no later than July 12, 2017.

4. The remaining schedule for this proceeding is modified as shown in Section 3 of this ruling.

5. The assigned Commissioner or Administrative Law Judge may adjust this schedule further, as necessary, for efficient management and fair resolution of this proceeding.

6. A workshop on preliminary RESOLVE modeling results will be held at the Commission's Auditorium in San Francisco on July 27, 2017. A workshop on the proposed Reference System Plan will be held during the week of September 25, 2017. Details about the workshops will be shared with the service list and posted on the Commission's Daily Calendar. Decision-makers, including a quorum of Commissioners, may attend the workshops but no decisions will be made.

7. An all-party meeting, with all Commissioners invited, will be held on November 2, 2017 in the Commission's Auditorium in San Francisco. Further details will be posted on the Commission's Daily Calendar and e-mailed to the service list for this proceeding.

Dated June 13, 2017, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ COLETTE E. KERSTEN for
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Administrative Law Judge